

1 **REMARKS**

2 No claims have been added.

3 Claims 7, 10, 12—23 and 26 are canceled without jeopardizing the
4 Applicant's right to file the same or similar claims in the future.

5 Accordingly, claims 1—6, 8—9, 11 and 24—25 are pending.

6 **Claim Amendments and Cancellations**

7 In an Office Action mailed 11/16/2004, claims 7 and 26 were found to have
8 allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the Applicant has copied the allowable
9 subject matter from claims 7 and 26 into base claims 1 and 24, respectively, to
10 make these claims 1 and 24 allowable, and claims 7 and 26 have been cancelled.

11 Accordingly, claims 1—6, 8—9, 11 and 24—25 are allowable.

12 **Conclusion**

13 Claims 1—6, 8—9, 11 and 24—25 are in condition for allowance due to the
14 amendment of independent claims 1 and 24 to include allowable subject matter
15 from claims 7 and 26, respectively. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully
16 requests prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that
17 prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the
18 undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

19
20
21 Date: 3-16-05

Respectfully Submitted,

22 By: David S. Thompson
23 David S. Thompson
24 Reg. No. 37,954
25 (509) 324-9256 ext. 235